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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 8/13/2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): page 11 of the response does not contain the meaning of "Externalized Rules". It appears the Applicant has a place holder and meant to complete this line. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the Examiner should be directed to **Todd Ingberg** whose telephone number is **(703) 305-9775**. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 6:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

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